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SUBJECT: U. S.- JAPAN TALKS ON KOREA

1. DURING CALL WHICH ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEE SANG OK MADE ON RANARD MAY 4 IN CONNECTION WITH WHO MATTERS, LATTER MENTIONED QUITE ROUTINELY VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK OF JAPANESE ALONG LINES AGREED SCENARIO. LEE DEMONSTRATED INTEREST BUT NO UNUSUAL CONCERN. HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF TALKS, HOW INITIATED, AND WHETHER HE COULD EXPECT A BRIEFIN FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS. RANARD SAID THAT TALKS WOULD GO BEYOND UN AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SUCH TOPICS AS NORTH KOREA, POLITICAL TRENDS IN NORTHEAST ASIA, AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF U. S.- GOJ ASSISTANCE TO THE ROK. HE STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH JAPANESE HAD IN FACT TAKEN INITIATIVE TO SUGGEST SUCH DISCUSSIONS DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT TO TOKYO, HE SAW ADVANTAGES FOR ALL CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY KOREANS. RANARD SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIM A FILL- IN AFTER TALKS.
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2. LEE WAS QUITE RELAXED WITH NEWS OF VISIT. HE GAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT KOREAN EMBASSY HERE HAD BEEN ALERTED TO SAGA OF ENDO' S NON- TRIP TO PYONGYANG (SEOUL 2788, TOKYO 3588). RUSH

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